

Homes of Grace
Taming the Savage Heart
Deut. 6:1-9

Getting Started

- ❖ What “struck home” in your heart this week in the message?
- ❖ The very first place we should seek to “bring gospel restoration to people’s deepest needs” is our home. Take time to discuss and brainstorm what it would like for us to live out our church’s mission in our homes.

Digging Deeper

- ❖ **Reread Deut. 6:1-9. Think about and answer the following about the sermon.**
 - Were you raised believing the Scriptures are the absolute truth of God that has complete authority over our lives? Do you now believe this to be the case? If not, how do you view the authority of the Bible in your life?
 - Verse 4 places Christianity in direct conflict with every other religion of the world. Why is this the case? Do you agree with what this verse is saying?
 - Jerry pointed out that “Loving the Lord our God with all of our might/strength” was understood by the Hebrews to mean “all of our money and resources”. The issue for most of us is greed, but we do not realize we struggle with this sin as it is such a subtle sin the devil tempts us with.
 - Before the message, have you confessed this as sin in your life in recent memory? How long ago has it been? What may this indicate?
 - Last week Jerry used the 10th commandment, which is addressing greed/envy, as an example of how it can lead to deeper idolatries. Discuss this idea and give examples of how greed/envy/coveting can be a springboard to even greater sin.
 - How does giving a tenth or more of our income back to God combat greed?
 - Do you agree that parents are the “primary discipler” of their children? How can parents ensure children received clear, systematic instruction in our faith?
- ❖ **Read Hebrews 4:14-16. One aspect of the “primary strategy” God gives us in Deut. 6 is to look for those organic moments in life to bring the truth of God to our children. The vulnerabilities of our children are prime opportunities for the application of the gospel and bringing gospel grace into their lives.**
 - What are some of the vulnerabilities that often afflict our children?
 - Take 2-3 of these vulnerabilities and do the following with your group:
 - How would legalistic or unbiblical parenting respond to those examples?
 - Brainstorm and select Biblical verses, stories or concepts that could be used to address the vulnerability.
 - What kind of probing questions would you ask to reveal the deeper issues at play in the heart of the child?
 - As a group compose graceful responses that point the child to Christ for each example, keeping in mind the Scriptures and probing questions your group provided. (For a revealing twist, break into male and female subgroups on this step and see how “graceful responses” can look very different!)

WORSHIP RESOURCE

February 24, 2019 | Seventh Sunday after Epiphany

WORSHIP SONGS

OPEN UP THE HEAVENS

Words & Music by James McDonald, Jason Ingram, Meredith Andrews, Stuart Garrard, Andi Rozier, 2012

We've waited for this day, we're gathered in your name,
Calling out to you. Your glory like a fire awakening desire,
Will burn our hearts with truth.
You're the reason we're here; you're the reason we're singing.

*Open up the heavens, we want to see you.
Open up the floodgates, a mighty river
flowing from your heart, filling every part of our praise.*

Your presence in this place, your glory on our face,
We're looking to the sky. Descending like a cloud,
You're standing with us now, Lord unveil our eyes.

PRAISE TO THE LORD, THE ALMIGHTY

Words by Joachim Neander, 1680 | German Melody, 1665

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty the King of creation! O my soul,
praise Him, for He is thy health and salvation! All ye who hear,
now to His temple draw near, join me in glad adoration.

Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth. Shel-
ters thee under his wings, yea, so gently sustaineth! Hast thou not
seen how thy desires e'er have been granted in what He ordaineth.

Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy work and defend thee!
Surely His goodness and mercy here daily attend thee; ponder
anew what the Almighty can do, if with His love he befriend thee.

Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore Him! All that hath
life and breath, come now with praises before Him! Let the amen
sound from His people again; gladly forever adore Him.

CHRIST IS MINE FOREVERMORE

Words and Music by Jonny Robinson and Rich Thompson, 2016

Mine are days that God has numbered; I was made to walk with Him.
Yet, I look for worldly treasure and forsake the King of kings.
But mine is hope in my Redeemer; though I fall, His love is sure.
For Christ has paid for every failing; I am His forevermore.

Mine are tears in times of sorrow, darkness not yet understood.
Through the valley I must travel where I see no earthly good. Mine
is peace that flows from heaven, and the strength in times of need.
I know my pain will not be wasted; Christ completes His work in me.

Mine are days here as a stranger, pilgrim on a narrow way. One with
Christ I will encounter harem and hatred for His name. But mine is
armor for this battle, strong enough to last the war. And He has said
He will deliver safely to the golden shore.

And mine are keys to Zion city where beside the King I walk. For
there my heart has found its treasure; Christ is mine forevermore.

Come rejoice now, O my soul, for His love is my reward.
Fear is one and hope is sure; Christ is mine forevermore.

YOU ARE OUR LIFE

Words and Music by Paxson Jeancake, 2019

Blessed are those whose trust is the Lord; planted by streams,
like trees, they endure. Their leaves will not wither; they stand firm
and sure. Blessed are those whose trust is the Lord.

Blessed are those who delight in Your word; day after day,
seeking what's pure. Not following foolish ways of this world.
Blessed are those who delight in Your word.

*We'll follow Your ways for You are our life. We'll find all we need,
our soul's deep delight. There's no greater love, no greater prize.
You are our hope; You are our life.*

Blessed, all poor, the kingdom is yours; and all who now hunger
for you shall be full. Blessed when weeping for laughter will come.
Blessed, all poor, the kingdom is yours.

Blessed are those whose hope is in Christ; who've died unto Him,
but have been made alive. For one day these bodies will be raised
to life. Blessed are those whose hope is in Christ.

DAILY READINGS | BOOK OF COMMON WORSHIP

SUNDAY | Ps. 93; Isaiah 66:7-14; 1 John 3:4-10; John 10:7-16

MONDAY | Ps. 57; Ruth 1:1-14; 2 Cor. 1:1-11; Mark 5:1-12

TUESDAY | Ps. 54; Ruth 1:15-22; 2 Cor. 1:12-22; Mark 5:13-20

WEDNESDAY | Ps. 91; Ruth 2:1-13; 2 Cor. 1:23-2:17; Mark 5:21-26

THURSDAY | Ps. 81; Ruth 2:14-23; 2 Cor. 3:1-18; Mark 5:27-37

FRIDAY | Ps. 6; Ruth 3:1-18; 2 Cor. 4:1-12; Mark 5:38-48

SATURDAY | Ps. 100; Ruth 4:1-22; 2 Cor. 4:13-5:10; Mark 6:1-6

PRAYER OF RENEWAL

God of abundant mercy, you alone can turn evil into good, sorrow
into rejoicing, and death into everlasting life. Teach us your way of
grace—to meet hatred with kindness, to answer curses with blessing,
to love without holding back, to give without thought of return; all in
the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



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